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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
SWITCHING FIBRE CHANNEL
ARBITRATED LOOP SYSTEMS

Examiner: Wanda Z. Russell

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated January 7, 2009, for which a response was due on April 7, 2009, for which a petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith to extend the date to May 7, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Also filed concurrently herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.